

AGONOPTERIX SCOPARIELLA (HEINEMANN) IN KENT. — Larvae beaten from *Sarothamnus scoparius* on the occasion of a Kent Field Club visit to the heath area near Canterbury (known as 'Old Park') on June 23rd 1979, produced three specimens of *A. scopariella* on July 22nd 1979. — N. F. HEAL, "Fosters", Detling Hill, Maidstone.

LATE ORTHOPTERA RECORDS IN WEST SUSSEX 1979. — The last week of November and first half of December, 1979, were comparatively warm and sunny along the coastal fringe of West Sussex and this mild period resulted in some interestingly late survivals amongst the local populations of orthoptera. The sand-dune area at Pagham (now surrounded by housing) and Arundel Park were, as in previous years, the most favoured areas. All the December specimens noted were collected and sent to the British Museum (Natural History).

TETTIGONIIDAE: *Pholidoptera griseoptera* (De Geer), Dark Bush-cricket, 4 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀, 26th November, Houghton Forest, trackside bramble thicket. *Platycleis albopunctata f. falcata* (Goeze), Grey Bush-cricket. 1 ♀ fourth instar nymph, 29th November, Pagham. (Specimen to British Museum). A most unexpected find, considered by Dr. R. Ragge (*pers. comm.*) to be delayed emergence. *Conocephalus discolor* (Thunberg), Long-winged Cone-head, 1 ♀, 26th November, Arundel Park. The three following grasshopper species were all present in Arundel Park in fair numbers on this date.

ACRIDIDAE: *Chorthippus brunneus* (Thunberg), Common Field grasshopper, 6 ♀♀, 29th November, Pagham. 1 ♀, 3rd December, Arundel Park. *Chorthippus parallelus* Zetterstedt), Meadow Grasshopper. 1 ♀, 3rd December, Arundel Park. My only December record for the species so far. *Gomphocerippus rufus* (L.), Rufous Grasshopper. 6 ♂♂, 4 ♀♀, 3rd December, Arundel Park; 1 ♀, 10th December, Arundel Park, the latest date I have so far for any British Grasshopper. — E. C. M. HAES, 45 Grove Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

WIEDEMANNIA (CHAMAEDIPSIA) LOTA WALKER (DIPTERA: EMPIDIDAE) FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE. — While sampling the bank fauna of the River Ise on the 18th April 1980 I observed a number of flies of the sub-family Hemerodrominae 'skating' over the water surface and briefly alighting on sparse vegetation growing from a small mudbank an inch or two above the level of the river. During an observation time of approximately ten minutes I captured five of these flies with a pooter before moving on to another sampling site where no more were seen. When identifying the material later that day, in addition to two females of the common *Clinocera (Hydrodromia) stagnalis* Haliday there were a male and two females of a species unknown to me. Using the keys of Collin (1961, *British Flies VI Empididae*) these were found to be *Wiedemannia (Chamaedipsia) lota* Walker, which Collin (*op. cit.*) records from only four British localities in Gla-